

**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 4, 2016**

**ITEM: COUNCIL BILL No. 2016-452**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**ATTACHMENT: WIC LOCAL AGENCY NUTRITION SERVICES, PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACT ;  
COUNCIL BILL**

**Health Director: Dan Pekarek**

**Finance Director: Leslie Haase**

**City Attorney: Peter Edwards**

**City Manager: Sam Anselm**

**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill approves a Program Services Contract Amendment to the current WIC Program Contract between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Joplin City Health Department.

**DISCUSSION:**

This contract amendment provides up to \$2,000 for the city WIC program to participate as a user test site for a new application of the state WIC software system dealing with eWIC, or the implementation of the use of EBT smart cards . As a super user test site, staff will test the use of the new system, identify issues with the system, and advise the state on policies and procedures to address the issues. Funding will cover costs for training and travel associated with the test project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.